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GRANGER SCHOOL

Field Day fun is... *sweet as pie*



Granger Elementary School Principal Cheryl Salomão closes her eyes and grimaces in anticipation of being hit in the face with a cream pie by first grader Lilli-Anna Weber, 7, who raised \$425 for the school's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. See story and more photos on pages 10-11. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

HIGH SCHOOL

Field project will wait 'til next year

Spring 2016 construction start date eyed after two low bidders withdraw

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The athletic facility improvement project at Agawam High School will have to wait until next year after a breakdown in the bidding process brought the project to a halt.

On Tuesday night, the Agawam City Council was supposed to vote additional funds to meet a higher-than-anticipated low bid for the project. But last Friday at 5 p.m., the low bidder withdrew, the second bidder to do so, leav-

ing the town with just one significantly higher bid.

Now, the Athletic Facility Advisory Committee, which was formed by Mayor Richard Cohen originally to address the deficiencies of the high school track, has recommended the project be placed on hold until next year.

Jennifer Bonfiglio, the town's new procurement officer and a member of the committee, spoke on behalf of Cohen at the council meeting. She said the timeline is no longer feasible to put the

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FEEDING HILLS CENTER

ZBA grants drive-through window special permits

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Developer Ralph DePalma finally received his special permits for drive-through windows to complete a proposal for a three-business subdivision at 38 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

The proposal had attracted sharp criticism from Barbara Murphy and John Murphy, who are not related to each other and own separate residential properties near the proposed site. They claimed the new business, one of which will be a Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-through window, would disturb their properties because of the noise from the intercom, and cause a drop in their

property values.

Both walked out on the last Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on June 8. On June 22, ZBA members said they took the concerns of the residents seriously before issuing an approval of the special permit.

ZBA Chairman Doreen Prouty said she was concerned at the issue of a declining property value. According to the rules governing the ZBA, decisions rendered by the ZBA should not have a negative effect on neighboring properties and their value.

"I consulted with the Town Assessor Kevin Baldini," said Prouty. "His opinion was that it would not have an effect on their property value."

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SCHOOL STREET PARK

Long-awaited park officially opens July 1

Spray park, playground already in use last weekend

By Michael J. Ballway
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A decade and a half in the making, School Street Park is finally done.

The new toddler playground opened last week, the spray park was running over the weekend, the volleyball net is due to be installed any day now and the band shell is just waiting for July 1, SummerFest in its new home, the grand opening.

"When I was hired in 1999, they said developing the School Street Park was going to be one of my

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main projects," said Christopher Sparks, who runs the town's Parks and Recreation Department. "Here we are, sixteen years later, finally finalizing the park and preparing for the next step, which is running programs."

About 30 acres of the park have been open since 2008, but the town always intended to build a "phase II" addition, Sparks said. The park sits on about 50 acres of land that was formerly the Hampden County correctional farm. Phase II consists of less than a dozen acres of

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Ryan Fields of Agawam and his son Eli, 2 1/2, enjoy one of the new play structures at School Street Park last Friday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



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Camyre earns Lions service award

The Agawam Lions Club presented its prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship award for distinguished community service to Harry J. Camyre. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest recognition bestowed by Lions Club International. The award is named for Melvin Jones, who founded the Lions Club in 1917. It is given to Lions members who demonstrate outstanding humanitarian service. The honor was presented at a recent Agawam Lions Club meeting at the Lions Den on the Big E fairgrounds.

Camyre joined the Agawam Lions club in February 1973 where he served as third, second and first vice-president, as well as president of the club in 1986-87. Camyre was previously honored by the Agawam club in 2010 by being designated a Life Member of Lions International. He has worked the chicken barbecue at the Big E fair, the club's largest fundraiser, for the last 42 years. This past year, Camyre was elected chairman of the Big E committee and has implemented many improvements to the venue.

The Agawam Lions Club was chartered on May 10, 1944, and over the years has donated over \$550,000 to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, as well as over \$200,000 in scholarships to Agawam High School students. In addition, the club provides thousands of dollars in funding to numerous school and community organizations. The Agawam Lions Club was just



The Agawam Lions club recently honored Harry J. Camyre with the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest recognition from Lions International. Camyre, left, is presented the award from club president Jack Walsh. SUBMITTED PHOTO

voted best very large club in District 33Y (Western Massachusetts) and its secretary, Richard Lanier, was named best secretary by District Governor Roger Jones.

The club meets on the first and third week of each month at the Lions Den on the Big E fairgrounds. Anyone interested in joining the world's largest service organization, at over 1.4 million members in 205 countries, should contact any Lions member or Ron Wieners, membership chairman, at 413-505-9259. For more information, visit www.agawamlions.org.

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Giant benefit tag sale is Saturday

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will host its first-ever giant tag sale this Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the back parking lot of the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

The sale will have "something for ev-

ery shopper and priced to sell," including books, housewares, hoem décor items, holiday items, children's and baby items, clothing and more. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Club and the Agawam Senior Center.

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SummerFest concerts move to School Street Park

The 2015 SummerFest concert series will begin Wednesday, July 1, and will coincide with the grand opening of School Street Park in Agawam. Launching this year's lineup of concerts is a performance by Good Acoustics beginning at 7 p.m.

Grand opening ceremonies begin at 5:30 p.m. with a performance by Davey the Clown under the pavilion. David Holzman has a master's degree in education from Lesley College and a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from the University of California, Santa Cruz. In 1986, he graduated from the prestigious Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theater, where he created Davey the Clown.

He has taught juggling and other circus skills at the Boston Children's Theater Summer Camp, the King Community School, and the Kaleidoscope Creative Arts and Science Camp at the Leventhal Sidman JCC. On accordion, Holzman has been seen at Symphony Hall and Shanghai Oriental Arts Center in China.

The night's events continue with grand opening ceremonies including local and state officials from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., followed by Good Acoustics from 7-9 p.m.

Good Acoustics is a versatile rock quartet of musicians that have been performing in local bands all over the East Coast for more than 30 years.

Donna Fellows (percussion, lead vocals) began her music career just out of high school and sang professionally for 15 years with various bands throughout New



Davey the Clown will perform at the SummerFest concert as part of the grand opening ceremonies at School Street Park on the evening of July 1.

England. Fellows' powerful and sultry vocals captivate her listeners with songs from Adele, Etta James, Fleetwood Mac, Rhianna and more.

Mike Smith (acoustic and electric guitars, lead vocals) has earned master's degrees in music and history and is a vocal music teacher in Longmeadow. He has been playing guitar since the age of 10 and started singing professionally during his high school years.

Dave Fazio (bass guitar, lead vocals), an elementary school teacher, got his musical start playing accordion at the age of six. At 12 years of age, he taught himself how to play bass guitar and later performed with the band Victory for many years.

Bill DeSanty (drums, percussion, lead



Good Acoustics will open the 2015 edition of the SummerFest concert series Wednesday, July 1, at the new School Street Park band shell. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

vocals), a music teacher with a master's degree in music, began banging on pots and pans when he was just five. He has decades of experience with many bands, including Arabus, Paris, and Passport.

SummerFest will continue with additional free concerts at the School Street Park band shell for the next six weeks: July 8, Union Jack; July 15, the Floyd Patterson

Band; July 22, Emotions; July 29, Jubilee Riots (formerly Enter the Haggis); Aug. 4, Steppin' Out; and Aug. 12, KIX 100.9 Country Music Night with a performer to be announced. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and most are on Wednesday nights. The Aug. 4 concert is a Tuesday night to coincide with National Night Out festivities being held at the park.

Clarification

The roll call of the City Council's vote on the purchase of a lawnmower for the municipal golf course was omitted from a story in last week's Agawam Advertiser News ("Mower Cash Has Strings Attached," page 1). Although the amendment requiring the money to be paid back passed unanimously, as reported in the story, the main vote on the purchase passed by a 10-1 margin, with Councilor Don Rheault dissenting. Rheault said he does not believe taxpayers should foot the bill for the course, which he noted competes with other tax-paying golf courses in town.

Businessman eyeing nomination for mayor

Local businessman William Clark has taken out papers to run for mayor, the town clerk's office confirmed this week. Clark is the owner of Second Wind Yoga on Walnut Street Extension.

Nomination papers are available from the town clerk until mid-August. The election is Nov. 3; if necessary, the town will hold a preliminary election on Oct. 6. Candidates must return their nomination papers signed by at least 100 regis-

tered voters by Aug. 18 at 5 p.m., in order to appear on the ballot.

Also earlier this month, City Council President Christopher Johnson took out re-election papers. That leaves Councilor Gina Letellier as the only incumbent on the council who has not yet taken a step toward running for re-election. Prospective challengers on the council ballot are Robert Alves, Michele Calvanese, Samuel DiSanti Jr., Robert Magovern and David

Morin.

All seven School Committee incumbents have taken out re-election papers. As of Tuesday morning, Brian Burbank remained the only challenger pursuing a nomination.

The terms for mayor, city councilor and School Committee are all two years. Nomination papers are available at the clerk's office at Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam.

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Hearts and darts



HEARTS to all the members of the Agawam community who have supported the Scafuri family as Alex recovers from that paralyzing hit-and-run accident. That includes students at Agawam High, but also students at other schools like South Hadley High and Wilbraham & Monson Academy, who held their own fundraisers; private groups like the New England Friesian Horse Club and Eternal Misfits motorcycle club who have held their own fundraisers; businesses like The Barber on Springfield Street, which hosted a cut-athon, and the several retailers that sold #TeamAlex wristbands; anyone who bought a wristband or a T-shirt; the folks who contributed to and attended the large fundraiser for Alex at the end of May; even the folks who simply showed up, with posters and smiles, to welcome Alex home earlier this month. And those are just the stories we've told in this newspaper. To those of you who have given of your time, money and prayers without recognition, thank you, too.



DART to the state Legislature for passing a law that makes it impossible for Massachusetts residents to get an accurate picture of what sorts of crimes are being committed in their own towns. Under a mandate from Beacon Hill, the Agawam Police Department has now stopped reporting any domestic violence crimes, even if they result in an arrest, in its public logs. Supporters say the intent of the law is to shield victims from being publicly shamed. The side effect, however, is that a real problem — the unfortunate fact that domestic abuse does happen in our town, and can happen on any street — becomes invisible, as though it has gone away. It also means that in newspapers such as the Advertiser News, which have committed to printing all publicly reported arrests in town, suspects arrested for shoplifting will have their names and addresses printed — but suspects arrested for rape may not. There shouldn't be any shame in being the victim of a crime, but there ought to be shame in being the perpetrator of one.



HEARTS to E.B.'s Restaurant and jazz musician Jay Messer for providing a forum for high school musicians to perform publicly in a "club" environment, alongside an experienced mentor. In his comments in last week's newspaper, Messer said he's afraid that jazz is disappearing as young people gravitate toward other musical styles. But he and restaurant owner Ed Borgatti are proving that the most American of art forms is far from gone.



HEARTS to the eleven Agawam high school graduates joining the Armed Forces, and to their parents. With any luck, the worst of our Middle Eastern entanglements are behind us and the recruits of 2015 won't see as much active combat as the recruits of 2005 did. But more than a decade of war and death has made it clear to today's military volunteers — and those who love them — the enormity of the sacrifice that putting on a uniform can entail. And even if their military careers are spent in peacetime and security, as we can only hope, they no less deserve our thanks for standing on that wall and keeping our nation prepared for any adversity.

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Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Michael Walsh were Betsy O'Keefe, Mary Zajak and Diane Mallory.



YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

The Agawam Junior-Senior High School

On June 18, my family attended the sixth grade concert performed by the concert and jazz bands at the Roberta G. Doering School. Surely all the parents and grandparents were impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the band director, Zachary Scherpa. His students sure seemed to be having fun and he must be proud of them and their progress as musicians.

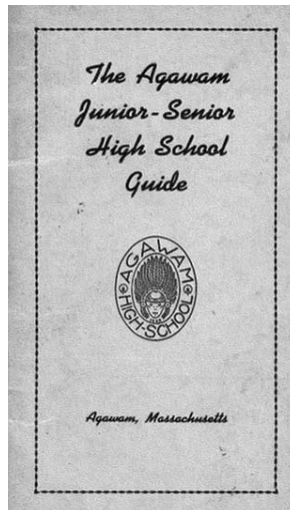
Being a Brownie who once attended the Doering School from 1956 to 1959, the auditorium sure made me reminisce. In December of 1957, I was the narrator for Miss Dillon's Christmas assembly. Now it is nearly 60 years later and my granddaughter Olivia Salva is singing "Cry Me a River" in the same room. Is it possible that 50 or 60 years from now her grandson or granddaughter will be following in grandma's footsteps?

At home, a few days after the concert, I took out a copy of the Agawam Junior-Senior High School Guide from the early '50s. My copy belonged to John Manchester, who could be in Canada or California now, but it was his back in 1953. The faculty list in the guide seems to match pretty well with the '53 Schem. English teacher Wayne Holmes is in both and so are commercial teachers Marion Holton and Mary Coleman.

Watching Zachary Scherpa direct his musicians brought back memories of Howard Crotty, who was the band and orchestra teacher for many years. He was a big man that you can probably picture up on a podium with his directing sticks timing the beat for each song. He stayed at the Main Street building in 1955 when Darcy Davis was hired as the new high school's music director. Mr. Crotty worked there until his retirement and had a band of his own for many years. He loved trains and had his own train large enough to carry



Walt Willard



The cover of the Agawam Junior-Senior High School Guide from 1953. SUBMITTED PHOTO

passengers.

Mike Marieb said that Howard Crotty died in 1966, when he was only 62 years old, not long after his retirement.

Reading the guide started me thinking about all the Kid Parties, proms, cabarets, plays and musicals that had taken place from 1922 to 1955 in the same auditorium. I took a year-

book off the shelf, not really caring which one. It was the 1948 Schem and in seconds I had before me the words of the '48s' Kid Party invitation: "We itty bitty chillun — Of the Class of '48 — Do cordially invite you — To the Kid Party — To Celebrate." Their class history, written by Russell Demarais, Marion Hall, Marjorie Trigger, Robert Webler and Norma Wylie, relates how much fun they had playing "London Bridges" and "Rattlesnake" at the Kid Party. What wonderful memories.

Page 35 of the guide has the words of the school song:

Joyous and ever loyal

Let us boost for Agawam High
Let every heart sing
Let every voice ring
There's no time to grieve of sigh
Rah! Rah!

It's ever onward
Our Course Pursuing
May defeat ne'er our ardor cool
Rah! Rah!
But, united, we will boost for our
Old Agawam High

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have Zachary Scherpa's band play our song?

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



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ASBAC dissolves its board

Mayor: Small business startup center has outlived need

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The Agawam Small Business Assistance Center has refocused its mission and will become a referral service to budding entrepreneurs and small business owners.

The ASBAC held its annual meeting on Monday morning at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course and its Board of Directors voted unanimously to dissolve.

The sole part-time employee, Derek Jarvis, will be paid until the remainder of funds in the organization's account has been spent. After that, the town's Planning and Community Development office will field calls and refer clients to resources provided by companies such as Valley Venture, Common Capital, Babson, and Western Mass. Enterprise Fund.

In his remarks with the rest of the Board of Directors, Mayor Richard Cohen said the companies have more funding and resources than the ASBAC, which relies on donations and fundraising to provide help to potential business owners.

When the ASBAC was established in January 2002, it helped business owners get started in Agawam during a very difficult economic time. There's less need for its services today, Cohen said.

"I don't think we need to be a center anymore," said Cohen. "Thankfully, the economy is better and there are places that can serve the needs of people."

Cohen thanked the directors for their volunteer work over the past 13 years.

"You all have worked so hard and made

this small business center a big success," said Cohen. "I remember when we first did this, the West of the River Chamber was wary about it. But we ended up having a great relationship with them and we have been able to accomplish a lot. But now it is time to change course and be more of a referral service."

With the connections built over the years, Cohen says he is confident the small business center will be able to provide referrals for clients that will lead to more successful businesses in Agawam.

Over the years, supported by fundraisers, the ASBAC provided assistance, workshops, and seminars to would-be business owners. These services were provided for no cost to the business owners or taxpayers.

Board member Gina Fusick said she was proud of her work volunteering for the center, and that help was provided without any kind of agenda.

"The ASBAC has really evolved over the years," said Fusick. "We were able to help a lot of people without any political agenda."

Board Chairman Dino Gravanis said the ASBAC was present at a time of need.

"It was a time of need which inspired other organizations to step forward and to do the things that we did and accomplish in a much bigger and broader way than we ever could," said Gravanis.

Like Cohen, he thanked fellow board members for their service. The telephone number for the ASBAC is still active. Anyone seeking help for small or new businesses can receive referrals to resources need to make a business successful.



Paul Piquette works on the time capsule's hand-engraved silver plaque earlier this year in his home workshop in Feeding Hills. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY HELENE PIQUETTE

Engraver's handiwork in State House time capsule

Paul Piquette, a Feeding Hills resident and master engraver, was honored last week to help return the time capsule to the cornerstone of the Massachusetts State House on Beacon Hill in Boston.

Piquette hand-engraved a silver plaque that was placed in the cornerstone's time capsule, alongside a Paul Revere silver plaque. The time capsule, which dates to 1795, was discovered while doing repairs on the State House, and state officials decided to add present-day items to it. Some of the items in the time capsule included newspapers, coins dating back to 1652, a medal depicting George Washington and a plaque by Paul Revere.

The Museum of Fine Arts contacted sil-

versmith Steve Smithers of Ashfield, Mass., to replicate the silver plate using the same technique that it was believed Paul Revere would have used. Steve Smithers then recommended that the engraving on the plaque be done by Piquette, a longtime employee of Murdoff's Jewelers in Florence, Mass.

Piquette performed the task with a small hammer and chisel, without the benefit of lasers and machines. He was proud to be a part of the project, and attended the June 17 ceremony restoring the time capsule to its place in the State House cornerstone.

Piquette and his wife Helene have been residents of Feeding Hills since 1985. They have four boys, Daniel, Timothy, Brian and Eric.

Russell graduates basic training with honors

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Tajh Russell recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in ap-

plied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Russell earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Deseree and stepson of Brenton Blair of Agawam, grandson of Edna Baxter of Agawam, son-in-law of Kowri Pickersgill of Newark, N.J., and brother of Tiffanie Russell-Pickersgill of Newark, N.J., and Tahiir Blair of Agawam.

The airman is a 2008 graduate of Agawam High School.

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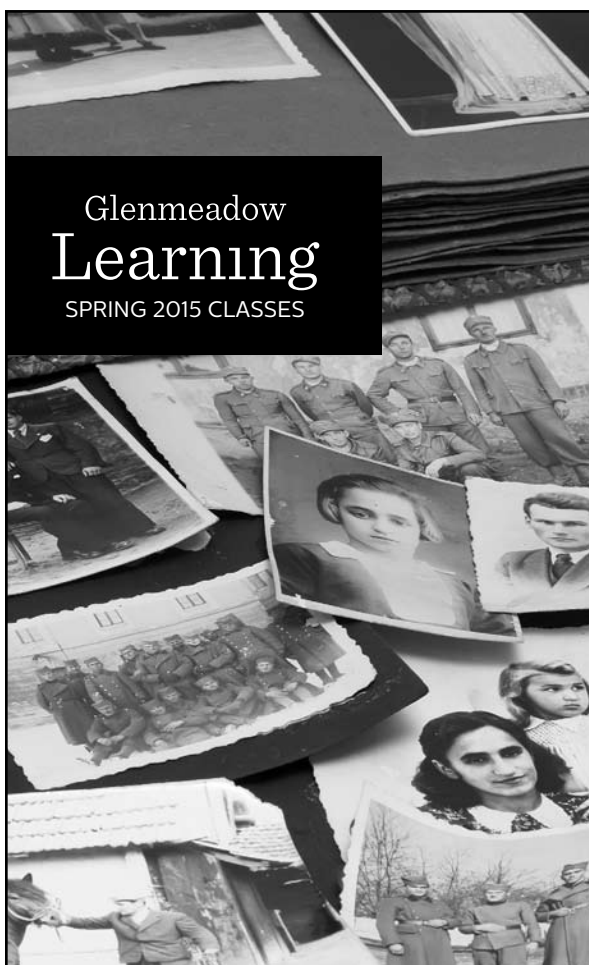
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Parking a concern as summer concerts begin

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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It will be up to police and other town officials to figure out how to control parking around the expanded School Street Park, at least for the first few weeks.

The Agawam City Council last week tabled a resolution that would have installed “No Parking” signs on areas of School Street, Corey Street and Alhambra Circle South. Councilor George Bitzas had sponsored the resolution after speaking with residents along the street as well as Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks.

“I brought forward something that is going to be a concern for the town with the summer concerts,” said Sparks.

There are now 395 parking spaces at School Street Park, including a new parking lot off Corey Street, completed as part

of the second phase of construction that also includes a band shell. The SummerFest concerts, which begin July 1, will move to the band shell this year, after previously being held on the Veterans Green in front of Phelps School.

Sparks said there have been crowds in excess of 5,000 people at some events, and with the grand opening celebration at the park scheduled for next Wednesday, a large crowd is expected. The council resolution was intended to help control the traffic flow.

“I received some concerns from the residents who were worried they may not be able to get to their houses and that there would be too many cars on the street,” said Bitzas.

However, the Community Relations Subcommittee, which is chaired by Councilor Cecelia Calabrese, had more ques-

tions and decided to table its recommendation. As a result, the full council tabled the resolution at its last meeting, June 15, which means traffic control, at least for the first two SummerFest concerts, July 1 and 8, will be left up to the Agawam Police Department and the town’s Engineering Department. The City Council will next meet on Monday, July 13.

It is possible the police could institute a temporary parking ban for parts of the side streets on concert nights in the interim. Calabrese said it is important that the council take its time to pass the best possible permanent resolution.

“If we ban on-street parking in this neighborhood, there would not be places to park if a resident wanted to have a party or gathering,” said Calabrese. “We just want to make sure residents know what this means.”

Bitzas said it could be possible to create signs that ban parking at certain days and times and have those times posted on the no parking signs.

Safety Officer Sgt. Steven Grasso has recommended parking be banned on School Street, and on the south side of Corey Street. The new parking lot at School Street Park is on Corey Street.

If the resolution is passed by the council, the Department of Public Works would erect temporary “no parking” signs. It will take several months to get the permanent ones ordered and installed, Grasso said.

Earlier this week, Sparks said he had not yet been informed of a temporary plan to address parking. He said those decisions are up to the police and engineering departments. Grasso did not return a call prior to press time seeking comment.

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land; the remainder of the property is unbuildable wetlands.

Phase II cost \$2.2 million, Sparks said, of which \$1.8 million came from Community Preservation Act funds, and \$400,000 from a state grant. The first phase of the park was one of the town’s first CPA projects, receiving \$1.5 million from the CPA and a \$500,000 state grant.

A grand opening ceremony is scheduled the evening of Wednesday, July 1, the first evening of the SummerFest concert series, which will relocate to the new band shell this year. Davey the Clown will perform at the new pavilion starting at 5:30, followed by a half-hour ceremony featuring local officials at 6:15 p.m. and a free concert by Good Acoustics, 7-9 p.m.

Other free outdoor concerts in the SummerFest series will be held at the band shell each Wednesday night in July, the first Tuesday in August and second Wednesday. Sparks said the concert series has typically drawn 800 to 1,200 attendees in its previous location, the Veterans Green at Main and School streets.

“That’s not going to be a problem at School Street,” Sparks said. “I think we have enough physical land area, but we’re working with the [City] Council to create off-site parking.”



The new spray park at School Street Park opened last weekend. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Sparks said during popular events such as SummerFest, police officers will direct traffic to make sure attendees use both parking lots and respect the residential

neighborhood that surrounds the park. Part of Phase II is a near doubling of the number of parking spaces at the park, with the existing 210 spaces off School Street joined by a new 195-space parking lot off Corey Street.

KidsFest, with three performances for children this summer, will remain at the Veterans Green.

New features

In addition to the band shell, the opening of Phase II adds a new toddler playground, spray park and volleyball court to the Corey Street side of the park. Sparks said the spray park, which consists of water fountains and sprinklers that children of all ages can run through and play with, was an instant hit when it opened last weekend. The spray park will operate from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

The volleyball court is Agawam’s first at a public park in at least 10 years, Sparks said, after the town took down the nets at St. John’s and Shea fields, and Perry Lane Park. Sparks said he’s talking to the YMCA about running a volleyball league at School Street Park. Unless a town recreational program is there, the volleyball courts are open to the public whenever the park is open, Sparks said. The nets will stay up all season.

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ZBA member Gary Suffriti had a different view.

“I spoke with two different realtors who say they believe their property values would drop,” said Suffriti. Suffriti noted the drop in property value is not specifically attributed to the businesses, but rather the zone changes that have occurred over the years, including some spot zoning that changed residences to business lots.

Prouty and ZBA member Richard Maggi both argued no formal evidence has been presented to the ZBA that would suggest the neighboring property values will drop. She also said the neighbors have the ability to go through the appeal process, which is open to them for 20 days after the decision has been recorded with the town.

The ZBA also debated conditions on the hours of operation for the doughnut shop. Suffriti said he had a serious problem allowing the business to be open 24 hours a day. Prouty argued the ZBA recently allowed a Dunkin’ Donuts to be open 24 hours a day on Main Street.

“These are two different areas,” said Suffriti. “I am thinking of the people who are trying to go to bed at night.”

The ZBA reached a compromise and stipulated the Dunkin’ Donuts drive-through window must be closed between midnight and 5 a.m. The walk-in business can remain open during those hours.

Suffriti also asked that dumpster pick-up and deliveries only be allowed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

“Those dumpsters can make loud bangs,” said Suffriti.

No one from the public attended the conclusion of the public hearing.

With the compromises included, the ZBA unanimously approved both drive-through permits. It was the last step in a process that included approvals from the Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Following the appeal period, DePalma can begin development of the three businesses on what is currently a vacant lot next to the Pride gas station. In addition to Dunkin’ Donuts, a Holyoke Credit Union branch with drive-up teller and a doctor’s office are planned for the property.

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project out to bid for a second time, and it would be more fiscally responsible to wait until next year.

“We received three bids,” said Bonfiglio. “The first bidder withdrew quickly. We were optimistic and ready to go with the second bid after getting council approval for more borrowing, but then they withdrew.”

She said the third bid was much too high and the decision was made to ask for bids a second time. But given the time needed to advertise and collect bids and award a contract, Bonfiglio said the project would not be able to start until the fall, and would not be completed until the spring. The construction company would have to close the site for the winter and then restart the project, which could cost the town more.

Further, the locker room project would have to wait until next summer anyway, because it cannot be worked on during the school year.

Bonfiglio says Cohen believes the best plan is to put the project back out to bid in October, and then start the project construction in the spring.

“October is when a lot of big construction companies are planning their jobs for 2016,” said Bonfiglio. “I think it will result in good bids the next time around.”

The town has \$7,785,000 to work with, between the borrowing authorization and the funding from the Community Preservation Act. Cohen was seeking the ability to borrow an additional \$61,000 to meet one of the bids before it was withdrawn.

With the bid withdrawn, an emergency situation no longer existed and the City Council simply moved the additional borrowing from new business to old business for its July 13 meeting. That item could be removed from the agenda. Councilors briefly discussed the possibility of waiting until the next bidding process in October before authorizing more borrowing.

“It makes sense to wait if they are not going to start the project until the spring,” said Councilor Robert Rossi.

Bonfiglio also said doing the construction of the new track and multi-purpose turf field would be easier for the athletic programs if it were done in the spring.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton said some of the sports would have to play off-site during the spring season, including lacrosse and baseball, but there are facilities in town that could accommodate those sports. Games are not played at night during the spring season.

Bonfiglio said night football games generate revenue for the athletic department during the school year. Agawam is also scheduled to host the annual Thanksgiving matchup against West Springfield this year. That game, along with Agawam’s other home football games, would have to be moved if the field were under construction this fall.



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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 85 EMS calls for June 16 to June 22, and the following emergency response calls.

On June 16 at 10:14 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for passenger vehicle fire.
On June 16 at 6:21 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for detector activation, no fire – unintentional.
On June 17 at 7:42 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for lockout.
On June 17 at 7:55 p.m., the department responded to Charter Oak Drive for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.
On June 18 at 1:57 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for service call, other.
On June 18 at 11:35 a.m., the department responded to Amherst Avenue to assist invalid.
On June 18 at 6:56 p.m., the department responded to Cherry Street for service call, other.
On June 18 at 11:20 p.m., the department responded to South West Street for outside rubbish, trash or waste fire.
On June 19 at 1:32 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 off ramp for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
On June 19 at 2:15 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.
On June 19 at 11:14 a.m., the department responded to Marlene Drive for service call, other.
On June 19 at 12:22 p.m., the department responded to Autumn Street for swimming/recreational water areas rescue.
On June 20 at 1:31 a.m., the department responded to Maple Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.
On June 20 at 5:48 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service assistance, other.
On June 20 at 10:48 a.m., the department responded to Red Oaks Circle for public service.

On June 20 at 1:07 p.m., the department responded to Ridgeview Drive for lockout.
On June 21 at 1:13 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.
On June 21 at 10:45 a.m., the department responded to Vandeen Avenue to cover assignment, standby, moveup.
On June 21 at 12:56 p.m., the department responded to Line Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.
On June 21 at 4:17 p.m., the department responded to Debra Lane for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.
On June 21 at 6:16 p.m., the department responded to Memorial Drive for cooking fire, confined to container.
On June 22 at 4:40 p.m., the department responded to Franklin Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.
On June 22 at 8:21 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for authorized controlled burning.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 371 calls for service from June 16 to June 22. The department made 2 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, June 19

Nicholas J. Savard, 20, of 9 Ashley St., Apt. 2, Springfield, was arrested on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and motor vehicle lights violation.
Brian Hussey, 53, of 148 Taylor St., Springfield, was arrested on a charge of fugitive from justice on court warrant.

Domestic violence arrests no longer listed

Following the passage last year of a state law that removes rape and domestic violence reports from police department logs across Massachusetts, the Agawam Advertiser News will no longer be able to report the arrests of individuals charged with these crimes in Agawam.
The new law mandates that police omit from their public logs any entries concerning “responses to reports of domestic violence, rape or sexual assault,” and “any entry concerning the arrest of

a person for assault, assault and battery, or violation of a protective order where the victim is a family or household member.” Those incidents and arrests are to be logged “in a separate log and shall not be a public record, nor shall such entry be disclosed to the public.”
The Agawam Advertiser News will continue to print the details of all other adult arrests, and the charges and ages of all other juvenile arrests. The newspaper prints every arrest listed in the Agawam Police Department’s public log.

Cars, bikes, tools, collectibles to be auctioned

Agawam Police will sell hundreds of seized and abandoned items, from jewelry and baseball cards to eight cars and 200 bicycles, during a public auction Saturday, June 27.
The auction will take place at 10 a.m. at the Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Prospective bidders will have a chance to preview the items an hour earlier, starting at 9 a.m. All sales will be on a cash-only basis.
Other items to be auctioned, according

to police, include a minibike; power tools, hand tools and toolboxes; office equipment; floor jacks and jack stands; vehicle seats; and a guitar.
Proceeds from some auction items will go to the town’s general fund. Proceeds from the sale of items that were seized during narcotics investigations will be turned over to the Hampden County district attorney’s office, to be used for drug enforcement in Agawam.

Senator holds office hours July 29

State Sen. Donald Humason Jr. will hold office hours in Agawam and Southwick on Monday, July 29.
Humason and his staff will be available to meet constituents 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Peirce Conference Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. All are welcome to visit and share their thoughts or concerns on state matters with Humason.
The senator will also hold office hours at Southwick Town Hall, in the Selectmen’s Conference Room, 2-3:30 p.m. Town Hall is at 454 College Highway in Southwick.

Humason and staff are also available to meet with constituents at the district office, at 64 Noble St., Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead to 413-568-1366 is recommended to check if the senator or his staff are at the State House. Staff at Humason’s Boston office can be reached at 617-722-1415 for legislative matters.
Humason, a Westfield Republican, represents Agawam and 10 other cities and towns in the state Senate. He can be reached at Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.



From left, Alex Scafuri with Royal Court members Shayla Gutkowski, Gabriella Santienello, Makayla O’Sullivan and Krystal Wellington. Not pictured are Royal Court members Allie Winiarski, Lea Blanchett and Carly St. Pierre. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Riders in support of Alex

The New England Friesian Horse Club’s Royal Court, led by DD Performance Horses owner Danielle Barasso, recently presented a check for \$250 to Alex Scafuri of Agawam. Scafuri was a victim of a hit-and-run accident which left him paralyzed. The young equestrians made and sold horse treats and people cookies at a dressage horse show

to support him.
The Royal Court consists of eight children 18 years of age and younger, based at DD Performance Horses in Feeding Hills. Local members include Makayla O’Sullivan and Gabriella Santaniello, of Suffield, and Krystal Wellington of Southwick

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu
Monday, June 29: Chicken parmesan, cheese tortellini with red sauce, oranges.
Tuesday, June 30: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn muffins, applesauce.
Wednesday, July 1: Roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, fresh squash, pudding.
Thursday, July 2: Low-sodium hot dogs, coleslaw, homemade baked beans, red, white and blue Jell-O.
Friday, July 3: Senior Center Closed for July 4 Holiday.
Calendar of Events
Monday, June 29: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, June 30: 9 a.m., Exercise, Shuffleboard at St. John’s (Leonard Street), Exercise, SHINE (by appt.); 10 a.m., PACE; 10-11 a.m., Computer Club; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg, Movie (“Yankee Doodle Dandy”), Ladies Billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.
Wednesday, July 1: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons, Scrabble; 5:30 p.m., Grand Opening at School St. Park, Good Acoustics concert.
Thursday, July 2: 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 p.m., July 4 Picnic and Music by Lia; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch, Evening Line Dancing.
Friday, July 3: Senior Center Closed for July 4 Holiday.

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In the Classroom



Students at Phelps School gathered June 23 to watch the Agawam Fire Department unveil its newest ambulance, “St. Raphael’s Chariot,” following a name-the-ambulance contest that involved the whole fourth grade. Right: Fire Chief Alan Sirois stands with Jeymi Perez, second from right, who suggested the winning name; his younger brother Jacob; and his foster mother Fran Esposito-Rossi. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Phelps student names AFD’s new ‘Chariot’

By Michael J. Ballway
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To the manufacturer, it’s an International TerraStar with a custom ambulance body. To the bean counters at Town Hall, it’s just the new Rescue-1. But to the students at Phelps School, it’s St. Raphael’s Chariot. The town’s newest ambulance, which entered service this month, got a new name on Tuesday in a ceremony attended by fourth-grade students from Phelps School, who had participated in a name-the-ambulance contest. The nickname was inspired by Jeymi Perez’s winning entry, which asked the department to honor the archangel Raphael, patron saint of medical workers. “He is known as the angel of healing,” Perez wrote in his entry. “Besides healing,

he’s the guardian of the Tree of Life. Just like the EMTs who are the guardians and healers of human lives.” Perez, a student in Joanne Sullivan’s fourth grade class, said he was overjoyed to learn that his suggestion had been chosen by Fire Chief Alan Sirois. “I felt that was the best day of my life,” Perez said. “I wanted to sing.” In addition to the fame of having won the contest, Perez received a certificate of appreciation from the Fire Department and an AFD medallion. Phelps Principal Noelle Colbert said the fourth graders took the contest seriously, and almost every student submitted an entry. The entry form included space not only for the proposed name, but also an explanation of why that name was appropriate.

Both Sirois and school administrators were impressed by the entries. “A lot of time and thought went into why those chose the names they did,” Colbert said. The name “St. Raphael’s Chariot” is painted in large golden letters facing the front of the ambulance, above the cab. Sirois said this is the first Fire Department vehicle to carry a nickname — the other two ambulances remain Rescue-2, based at the Feeding Hills fire station, and Rescue-3, the former Rescue-1 now being used as a backup vehicle. He acknowledged that he got the idea from the city of Springfield, which gives its Fire Department vehicles nicknames. He said he intends the nicknames, and name-the-vehicle contests at elemen-

tary schools, to be “a new tradition” to be repeated for future ambulances and fire trucks. The contest and unveiling allowed students to interact positively with firefighters and learn a little about the department, Sirois said. Sirois said he chose to let Phelps students choose the nickname for the new ambulance because it is the closest school to the Fire Department headquarters on Main Street, where Rescue-1 is based. He said future contests would rotate among the elementary schools, always at a school in the area to be served by that particular vehicle. The current Rescue-2 is slated to be replaced in a couple years, Sirois said, and a couple firefighting vehicles in the years following that.

Murphy awarded DKG scholarship

Emily Rose Murphy, a member of the Agawam High School Class of 2015, received this year’s Alpha Chapter Award and Scholarship from Delta Kappa International to help defray the cost of books. DKG is an organization made up of outstanding women educators throughout the world with membership by invitation only. Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, a retired Agawam High School teacher, has been a member of the organization for 50 years and was recently honored at its spring banquet. While at AHS, Murphy was a member of Student Government, the Future Teachers of America and the Adventure Club. She was on the honor roll for 10 semesters and a member of Renaissance for nine. Her after-school activities included helping to teach fourth grade students from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. at the Clifford Granger School this past school year. She has also worked at St. Anne Country Club since April 2011, along with babysitting and being a caregiver to a dog weekly. In addition to the DKG award, Murphy also received the Faolin Peirce Scholarship, the Good Citizenship Award, the Internship Community Top Honor Cord, Outstanding Achievement in Child Development, Outstanding Achievement in Interior Design, Pro Merito and Renaissance recognitions. Murphy will attend Worcester State University in the fall working toward a career in education. She is the daughter of Kurt and Carol Murphy of Feeding Hills. Her sister Sarah, a marketing major, will graduate from Lasell College in Newton in 2016.



Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, right, presents AHS graduate Emily Murphy the Alpha Chapter Award and Scholarship. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Two locals among Boland scholarship winners

SPRINGFIELD — The 2015 Edward P. Boland Scholarships were recently awarded to 34 college-bound students in the former 2nd Congressional District, the seat in Congress once held by the late Congressman Edward Boland, at the scholarship’s annual breakfast at the Boland School in Springfield. This year’s scholarship recipients included Michael Andre of Feeding Hills and Joseph Cecchi of Agawam. The annual awards are granted up to \$2,500 and are intended for undergraduate students based on financial need, academic merit and extracurricular activities.

Applicants are required to be a resident of the Massachusetts 1st Congressional District (known as the 2nd District during Boland’s tenure) at the time of application and a graduating senior of a high school or other secondary school, or an undergraduate student already in college. The Edward P. Boland Scholarship Fund is named for the late congressman, who established it upon his retirement in 1988 after serving Western Massachusetts for more than 50 years. The fund has awarded scholarships each year since 1990 and has distributed more than \$500,000 to more than 400 students from the 2nd District.

CAMPUS NOTES

Assumption College: Jenna Fenton, Kristen Fraska, Ashley Lockwood and Cristina Zaffetti, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean’s list. **Bentley University:** Taylor Lunden and Natasha Sankalia, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester president’s list. **Eastern Connecticut State University:** Brittany Bronner, of Agawam, participated in the competitive cheerleading squad during the spring semester. **Endicott College:** Danielle L. Stratton, of Agawam, and Kara E. Franqueza, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean’s list. **Goodwin College:** Charles Rossi, of Agawam, was named to the president’s list for the summer session. Marlene Aquino, Gabrielle Calvanese and Charles Rossi, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester dean’s list. **Holyoke Community College:** Christopher S. Adams, Kayla E. Bonafilia, Laurie A. Brock, Gina M. Carastia, Virginia E. Danyow, Kimberly Diaz, Katina A. Frogameni, Bo D. Fydenkevez, Alexandr Grechka, Sara R. Hampton, Dakota J. Holden, Nicole E. Housman, Christa L. Hurley, Erva S. Keklik, Alexander E. King, Kaylene N. Kopyscinski, Samantha C. LaPlante, Emily S. Langlois, Amy L. Lemire, Ian P. Lewis, Gina M. Lopez, Karen L. Moreno, Ryan Mulkern, Amanda M. Nemeth, Daniel M.

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Graves awarded HCU scholarship

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Credit Union awarded six scholarships at a recent ceremony for its 2015 scholarship program. Sarah Graves, of Feeding Hills, was among the students to receive a \$500 award from Thomas Paquin, chairman of the board of directors, and Dennis Moran, member of the board of directors, both members of the Scholarship Committee.

She is the daughter of Wayne Graves and Pamela Graves and is a recent graduate of Agawam High School. She will be attending Worcester State University in the fall. Graves was the captain of the varsity soccer team and the captain of the school’s Relay for Life team. She also participates in the annual Rays of Hope Walk for the American Cancer Society.

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Graduates planning military service

Eleven 2015 graduates of Agawam High School will enlist in the military, school Principal Steve Lemanski said last week.

"We are very proud of all of our graduating seniors at Agawam High School," Lemanski said. "We are especially proud of the 11 individuals that have chosen to serve their country for their classmates and for all citizens of the United States. We wish them luck in their future endeavors."

Tahiir Blair will serve in the U.S. Air Force, and Jacob Hoban in the Air Force National Guard.

Daniel Barrows, Jamie Drew, Mario Ferrentino, Leonid Lapsov, Thomas Lazio, Mark Johnson and Cody Plamondon will serve in the U.S. Army.

Dylan Marshall and Kayla Tausendfreund will serve in the U.S. Navy.



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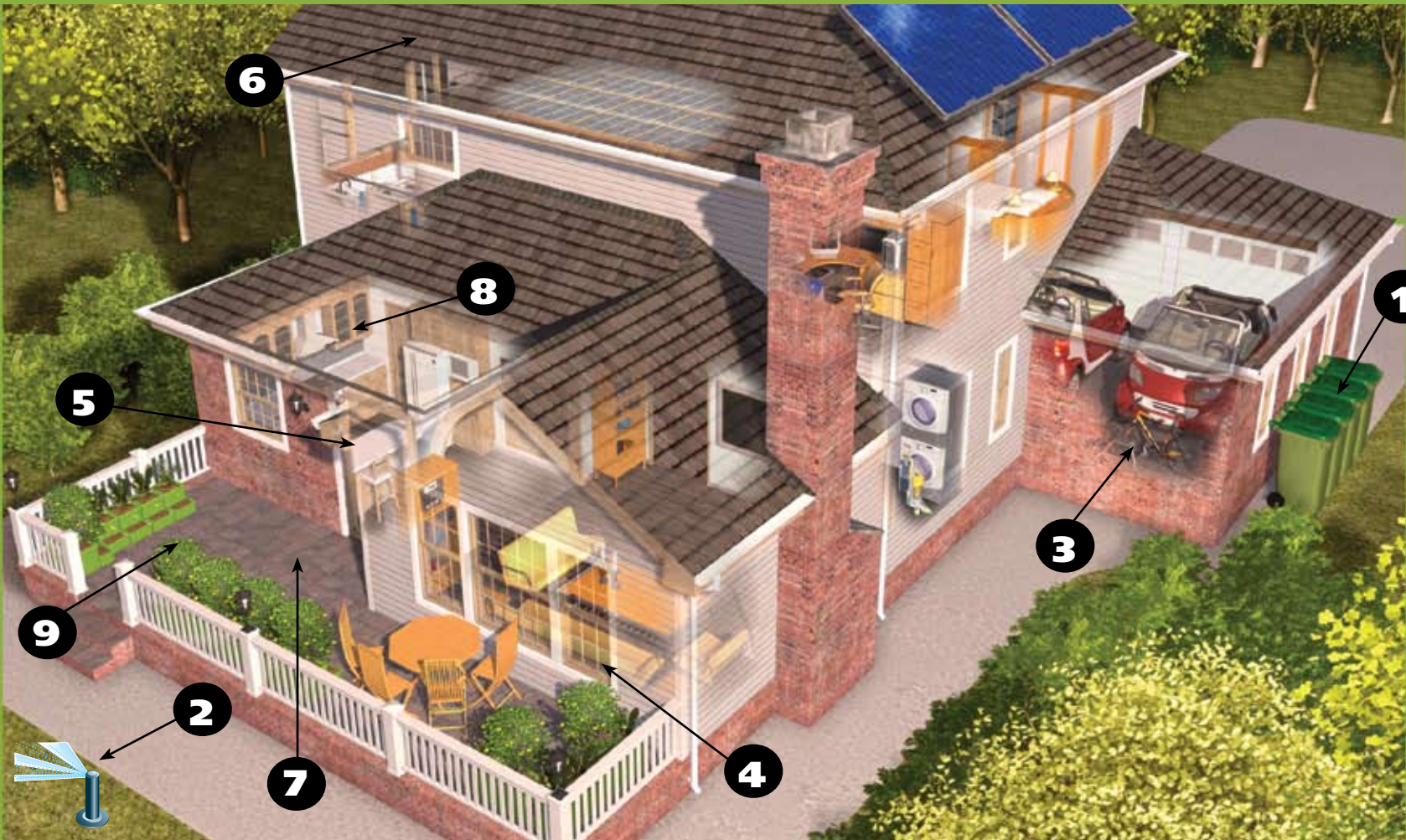
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Field Day fun is sweet as pie



Egads! It's the Dark Knight — also known as second grader Ryan Shiba, 8. He's having a Batman mask painted on his face by AHS junior Laura Cafaro, 17, one of several National Honor Society students who volunteered to do face painting.



In a game of "spray tag," blindfolded students with spray bottles filled water are guided around the field by other students as they try to spray other students.



Granger Principal Cheryl Salomão — still covered in whipped cream after being hit in the face with a cream pie — is cheered and congratulated by her students.

By Mike Lydick
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Just days before the official start of summer and about a week before the start of summer vacation, students at the Granger Elementary School took to the school's playground for their annual Field Day activities.

Students spent the entire day playing a variety of games — including beach ball relay, potato sack races, spray tag, sponge races, and tug of war — as a way to celebrate the end of the school year. Principal Cheryl Salomão and physical education teacher David Rist organized the day's activities while Granger staff and 25 parent volunteers helped run them.

One of the most popular — and challenging — activities for kids was a 70-foot long inflatable obstacle course. Upon entering the red, blue, and yellow play structure, they crawled, squeezed, and climbed to reach a giant slide at the end. The Granger PTO rented the obstacle course for students to use during Field Day.

When students "ran out of steam" after participating in the various games, they

could go to a tent and have their faces painted. Thousand Cranes Studio in Agawam donated their face-painting skills and supplies while AHS National Honors Society students helped with face painting and with other tasks throughout the afternoon.

The final field day activity, however, was probably the best one — especially for three particular students. The top three fundraisers in the school's annual Jump Rope for Heart for the American Heart Association — Gianna Pettazzoni, Lucas Ritson, and Lilli-Anna Weber — got to throw cream-filled pies in the faces of the principal, the physical education teacher, and custodian Keith Carrier.

The three students helped the school raised nearly \$9,000 that will benefit people with heart disease. It was the school's highest total ever since it has been participating in the fundraiser.

Gianna, who chose to throw a pie in Carrier's face, raised \$450, the highest total. Lucas, who raised \$285, picked Rist as his pie recipient. Lilli-Anna, who raised \$425, had the honor of pushing a pie in Salomão's face.



Students launch a pair of foam air rockets into the air outside the Granger Elementary School during Field Day activities.



Parent volunteer Danielle Elias works with a group of Granger second and third graders on a field day activity.

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Graders Allison Boucher, 10, left, and Sydney Baeder, 9, are excited to complete the bounce house obstacle course.



David Rist, a physical education teacher at Granger Elementary School, gets "creamed" with a pie in the face by second grader Lucas Ritson, 8, who raised \$285 for the American Heart Association.



Granger students line up to enter a 70-foot inflatable obstacle course where they crawled, ran, climbed, and squeezed through various obstacles.



Third grader Gianna Pet-tazoni, 9, pushes a cream pie into the face of school custodian Keith Carrier as her reward for raising \$450 for the American Heart Association.

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Fourth grader Alexsy Typrowicz, 10, gets drenched when a water balloon thrown by her partner, Diana Ganovska, 10, also a fourth grader, bursts. The object of the game was to be the last pair of students with an unbroken balloon.



Teams of students competed in a race to fill a small bucket with water squeezed from a sponge. Students race to dip their sponges in a large bucket and run back to squeeze the water from the sponge. The team filling the small bucket first won the race. Approaching the large bucket on the right is third grader Ella Mickiewicz, 9.



Granger students play with a colorful "parachute" during Field Day.

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SPORTS

SOFTBALL

Brownies drop heartbreaker to Guardians



Pitcher Allison Wheeler fires in the fourth inning of the state semifinals held last Wednesday afternoon at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Jess Lingenberg looks at first after getting a force out at second.



Maria Moccio makes a lead off second base.



Second baseman Taylor Marcotte makes a throw to second to force out a runner.

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – After a dominating run through the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament resulting in its third championship in four years, the Agawam softball team ran into a perfect St. Peter-Marian team they just could not score against in the state semifinals.

Despite outhitting the Guardians, the Brownies lost 1-0 in the eighth inning last Wednesday afternoon at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst when a run scored on a passed ball.

From the beginning, pitchers Allison Wheeler for Agawam and Erin Gallo for St. Peter were focused on putting zeros on the scoreboard.

Each of them did that for the first seven innings, and Agawam outhit the Guardians, 3-1.

After getting out of a jam in the top of the eighth inning, Wheeler allowed just her second hit of the game to Meghan Moran, who hit a double off the left

field wall.

That brought up Emily Powers, who laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to bring the winning run to third base with one out. Moran was the first baserunner to get to third base in the game.

With the Agawam defense drawn all the way win, Wheeler delivered a pitch on the low inside end. The ball glanced off the catcher's glove and went to the backstop. Moran would score on a close play at the plate for the extra inning win.

For the first four innings of the game, it was a battle between the two pitchers, on both sides of the ball.

There were three base hits between the two teams, all coming from the opposing pitchers.

Wheeler would single in the first and fourth innings. Gallo singled in the bottom of the first inning.

Wheeler allowed a walk in the third inning, but escaped any damage.

In the fifth inning, Jess Lin-

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SOFTBALL

Agawam climbs back to top

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Last season, the Agawam softball team got involved in an unusual matchup with Chicopee High School in the opening game of the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.

In an uncharacteristic twist, the Brownies broke down completely on defense, and a lead eventually became an extra inning loss and Agawam was denied the chance to defend its two consecutive sectional championships.

The Brownies would come back this season with a big chip on its shoulder from last season, and took it to every team that had beaten them last season.

There were a few bumps in the

road, but Agawam would end up with a 15-5 regular season record, but entered the playoffs with a tough field that included Pittsfield, Minnechaug, and Longmeadow.

But Longmeadow played without star pitcher Jill Stockley, and Agawam overcame challenges from Minnechaug and Chicopee.

It all came down to a Pittsfield offense that was relatively unknown to most teams in Division I because Pittsfield plays a majority of Berkshire County teams.

The bigger key to success was pitcher Allison Wheeler, who was locked in throughout 2015. After battling through challenges in the regular season in which Agawam came back from defeats from West Springfield and Min-

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BASEBALL

Curran signs deal with Orioles

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Following the formalities of a physical and pre-contract requirements, Agawam High School graduate Seamus Curran has officially started his professional baseball career in the Baltimore Orioles organization.

Curran has arrived in Sarasota, Fla., to begin his career playing the Rookie Gulf Coast League with the Gulf Coast Orioles.

Curran will train and practice for about a week before seeing his first game action.

On Monday, he signed a \$175,000 contract to be a member of the Orioles organization.

According to Major League Baseball, his contract is approxi-

mately \$8,600 above the recommended slot value for the 253rd pick in the draft. Curran also has a clause in his contract that includes money for a college education if he is released by the team. The funding for college is in addition to his \$175,000.

Curran had been recruited to play for the University of Rhode Island, but opted to follow his dream of playing professional baseball.

In the June First-Player Draft, Curran was drafted in the eighth round by the Orioles. He began negotiating with the team in the seventh round before being chosen.

Curran played for Agawam High School for the past four years. He played mostly first base, but did spend some time in the

outfield toward the end of his senior year. Teams were reluctant to pitch to him and Curran was also pressing early in the year, but he ended up with a .443 batting average for an Agawam team that only won three game this year.

Curran had 13 extra-base hits, including two long home runs.

Following the end of the high school season, Curran spent time working out at Baltimore's Camden Yards with scouts from the Orioles, San Diego Padres, and Los Angeles Dodgers. The hometown Boston Red Sox also had some interest at one point.

Curran reports he has started workouts with the Orioles and adjusting to professional baseball is going well.

"It's a lot more work, definite-

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Sports

Volleyball All-Stars face off

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publication Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD - A grueling boys volleyball season came to an end last week with Westfield, the Western champion losing in the finals to Needham. This week, it was time for a little fun and a chance to recognize the players from Western Mass that made this season so exciting. The 2015 All Star game brought together the top 24 in Western Mass to play against one another. Also recognized with another 16 who made up the second team. Following a best of three, the players took part in a skills competition. Agawam had three players on the first team, Garrett Hollander, Roman Mogan and Jeff Leclerc. On the second team was Anthony Frigo.

The first team All-Stars were divided into two groups, Team Friermood and Team Morgan. And they were split in such a manner that players would be going up against their own high school teammates. Both Mogan and Leclerc played for Team Morgan, while Hollander was on Team Friermood.

Team Morgan won the first set, 25-17, as they took an early lead and maintained it throughout. For much of the early going it was a one or two-point lead for Morgan, but with Garrett Hollander of Agawam serving for Friermood, they tied in on an Esteban Rojas of Commerce kill and then they took a lead at 10-9 on a kill by Temi Bailey of Westside. Morgan regained the lead at 11-10 on a kill by Jeff Leclerc of Agawam and then got it to 13-10 on a tip by Sean Buxton of Chicopee Comp. The teams went back and forth at two and three points to

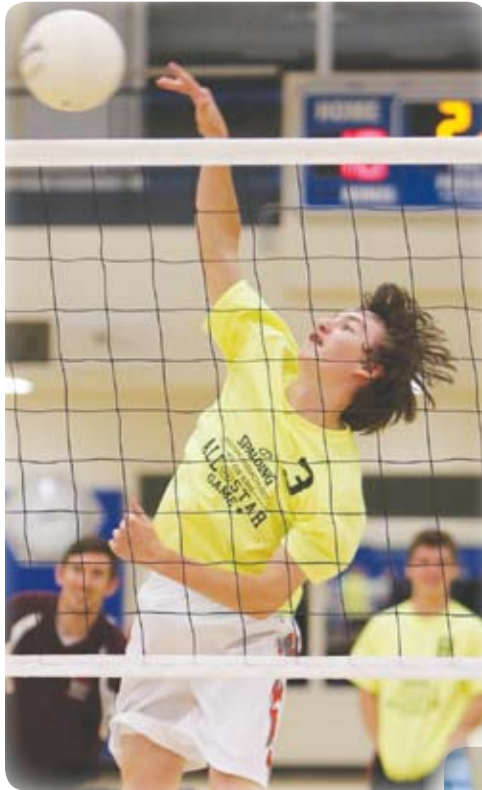
17-14. Then Morgan pulled away with a five-point run. Kipetz had a kill and Manny Golob of Westfield served an ace. The final point came on a kill by Buxton.

Team Friermood took control of the second set early on. They scored the first point on a Ryan Bucko block, which was followed by a Bailey kill and aces from Hollander to make it 4-0. Buxton got the first Morgan point with a kill, but Friermood got the next two. The teams went back and forth for a bit and an ace by David Hernandez cut the margin to four at 9-5. Then Friermood began to pull away to 14-8 on a Bucko kill; to 21-9 on a Bucko block; 23-10 on a Bucko ace. Rojas served them to the 25-12 game winner.

The match was decided win the third, which was a close battle. Morgan led early at 4-2 after a Golob kill. A Jared Davis of West Springfield gave Friermood a brief lead at 6-3. Then a run topped off by Kipetz made it 9-7 for Morgan. With Buxton serving, they opened up the lead to 17-10 and then added two more to go up 19-10. The margin topped out at nine and a late comeback by Roman Mogan of Agawam closed the gap 22-17. Buxton got the game winner, 25-18 on a kill with Skyelar Whitehead of Belchertown serving.

The skills competition followed with players serving into swimming pools on the other side of the net, each designated wit points. Team Friermood got something back with a victory in that.

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Garrett Hollander, of Agawma, goes up for the spike. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Roman Mogan (23), Garrett Holander (3) and Jeff Leclerc (24) played in the game.



Roman Mogan, of Agawam, pounds the ball over the net.



Jeff Leclerc, of Agawam, hits the ball into a tough spot.

Park & Rec to sponsor Youth Field Hockey

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 Suffield St., will sponsor a Youth Field Hockey program for girls in grades 1 through 8 for the 2015-2016 school year. Participants will learn the fundamental skills, techniques and strategies of field hockey, while practicing and playing in the program. Girls will be broken into four different divisions:

Grades 1 and 2 Mites; grades 3 and 4, Bantam; grades 5 and 6 Junior; grades 7 and 8, Senior. Early registration for all divisions is July 1 - July 31. Cost is \$75 for early registration for Mites and Bantam, \$100 for Junior and Senior. Late registration for all divisions is Aug. 3 - Aug. 21. Cost is \$100 for Mites and Bantam and \$125 for Junior and Senior.

Girls will meet from late August through October. Practices are held in the early evenings and games will

be played against neighboring communities.

The Mite program will practice on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Sept. 10. Played at Stick Time, this is an opportunity for girls to get involved in field hockey and learn the fundamentals.

Players need to supply their own stick, goggles and mouthpiece.

Registration begins Wednesday, July 1, at the Parks and Recreation office at 1000 Suffield St. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition, there will be an evening registration at the Agawam Public Library - Wednesday, July 22, from 6 to 8 p.m.

A mandatory meeting for all players and parents will take place Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Roberta Doering School cafeteria.

Youth golf program

AGAWAM - Agawam Parks and

Recreation is holding registrations for its 2015 Junior Golf Program.

The program will take place on Wednesdays from July 8 through Aug. 19 with the program taking place at Agawam Municipal Golf Course, 128 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

Golfers age 9-12 will play nine holes from 9 to 11 a.m. for a cost of \$79, while kids ages 13-17 will play 18 holes from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$99.

Lunch and beverage are included in the price.

Registration will be held at the Parks and Recreation office at 1000 Suffield St.

Participants are responsible for providing their own clubs, tees, balls, equipment and should bring plenty to drink on the course.

For more information on this program, please call Tony Roberto at 413-786-2194.

‘Scramble for the Animals’ seeks golfers

FEEDING HILLS - Volunteers of the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and Open Arms Rescue, Inc., formerly Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter, Inc., are asking golfers to join them in their annual Scramble for the Animals, Aug. 2, at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 South Westfield St.

This year's goal of \$6,000 will help to save the lives of hundred's of cats and dogs in the greater Westfield area. The \$100 cost includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Dinner only is \$25.

Prizes for a hole-in-one include a new Subaru from Bertera Subaru, a \$3,500 value pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools and Spa and a cash prize of \$700. Other prizes include \$100 cash for closest to the pin male and female, and \$50 for longest drive male and female. Sign-up will be at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration deadline is July 15.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$50. It can be in the name of a business, in honor of or in memory of a loved one or a pet. Raffle prizes will also be appreciated.

For more information and registration form, contact Marie Boccasile at 413-564-0589 or e-mail marieboccasile@gmail.com.

‘Putting for Paws’ tournament to benefit T. J. O’Connor

SOUTH HADLEY - Dave's Soda & Pet City will host the Putting for Paws Golf Tournament to benefit Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center on Tuesday, July 14, at The Ledges Golf Course.

This fundraiser will support Thomas J. O'Connor's mission of providing animal control services, and animal adoption to the Holyoke, Chicopee and greater Springfield area.

At \$100 per golfer, plus processing fees, the tournament is an affordable and fun opportunity to help with the everyday needs of the animals housed

in the Thomas J. O'Connor building. Registration starts at 8 a.m. on July 14 and the tournament will start at 9 a.m. Goodie bags will be provided to all golfers and a post event barbeque-style lunch for golfers upon their return. Following the luncheon is an awards presentation and opportunity drawings.

“This event started out as a Dave's employees/vendor outing and we thought it would be a great idea to open it up to the public so we could raise some money for our friends at T.J. O'Connor,” said Ashley Mascroft,

marketing coordinator for Dave's Soda & Pet City. “We saw the opportunity to make a big difference through our event, and our vendors have been on board from the very beginning. We are all very excited to be able to invite the public to play golf with us and help such a great group.”

For more information about tickets, visit <https://davesputtingforpaws.eventbrite.com>. For sponsorship opportunities or to donate a prize, email Mascroft at ashley@davespetcity.com.

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Sports

Crushers take Cape Cod challenge

AGAWAM - The Agawam U11 Boys team The Crushers, won the Cape Cod Challenge Cup over Memorial Day Weekend. The team competed in the U11 Boys Open A Division. It was a great opportunity to compete against teams they have never played before, including Tiverton, Sandwich, North Providence R.I., and Nantucket.

They went on to defeat Ludlow 1-0 in the championship game in overtime. Agawam was undefeated during the tournament and only allowed two goals to be scored on them the entire tournament.

For winning the CCCC, the team has been invited by the Revolution to march in a pre-game parade at their game on July 18.



The Crushers, back row (from left to right): Jason LaRocque, assistant coach Dina Montagna, Jake Napolitan, Igor Lavrenchuk, Josiah Bass-Collins, Nate Labonte, Aiden McKay, Ken Labonte, Matt Nigro and head coach Jeff Montagna. Front row: Antonio LaRocque, Seth Boissonault, Jayden Montagna, Jack Patterson, Jack Conway and Ben Blanchette. Missing from photo: Will Williams. Turley Publications submitted photo

Polaski named First Team Academic All-American

Class of 2015 Valedictorian is only First Teamer in Post history

AUSTIN, Texas – Post University women's lacrosse student-athlete Miranda Polaski, of Agawam, received one of the highest intercollegiate honors on Wednesday as she was named to the Capital One Academic All-American Division II At-Large First Team.

She becomes the first student-athlete at Post ever to receive a First Team selection.

Polaski scored a career-high 49 goals to go with 85 draw controls, 76 ground balls, and 31 caused turnovers, all of which were in the top-five in the CACC. She was fourth in Division II in ground balls and eighth in draw controls. Polaski also added 12 assists for 61 points, the third highest single-season total in school history.

The Capital One Academic All-America Division II Women's At-Large program includes the sports of bowling, crew, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming and diving, tennis and water polo. Polaski was one of just four lacrosse players selected this year.

In Post women's lacrosse history, Polaski finished first in career goals (152), assists (80), points (232), shots (296), shots on goal (231), ground balls (217), draw controls (237), and caused turnovers (99). She earned a spot on the Third Team last year.

Polaski, Post's class of 2015 valedictorian with a 3.99 grade-point average, graduated in May with a degree in Biology.



Miranda Polaski, of Agawam, was named to the Capital One Academic All-American Division II At-Large First Team. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED PHOTO

Racing for 'Lexi'



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AGAWAM — The seventh annual Lace 'Em Up for Lexi 5K Run and Fun Walk was held Saturday, May 30, at in Feeding Hills. The event is in memory of Lexi Jagodowski to benefit Griffin's Friends, a charity that "brings moments of joy to courageous kids" and their families.

Lexi lost her life to cancer in September 2008 and was one of many children who have received help from Griffin's Friends. In addition to the 5K race, there were kids races for ages 10 and under. The event also included prizes for top male and female groups, music, a bounce house, and post-race snacks.

AHS schedules annual golf tourney

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department will host its 21st annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 26, at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities.

To participate as a major sponsor, golfer or tee sponsor or to donate a raffle prize, contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic office at 413-821-0529 or email dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

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genberg reached on a bunt single. But Moran came back to strike out the next two hitters to retire the Brownies.

Agawam's next big chance came in the top of the eighth inning, when Vyce delivered a ground single between third and short. After two strikeouts, Rachel Lapponese sent a drag bunt between the first base and the pitcher to put runners at first and second with two outs.

Wheeler then grounded out on a close play to end the threat.

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nechaug to score wins at the end of the season, Wheeler put together an amazing three games in the tournament.

In wins over Chicopee, Minnechaug, and Pittsfield, Wheeler went 21 innings and only yielded one earned run. She allowed a total of nine hits and had 19 strikeouts in that stretch.

She was Agawam's primary pitcher this season and won 17 games this year. She pitched all but four innings this season. Those four were pitched by Katie Grasso in a meaningless rout against Holyoke.

In 156 1-3 innings pitched, Wheeler struck out 153 hitters.

For her career, Wheeler now has 468 strikeouts in three years. She has 48 career

CURRAN ■ from page 12

ly," said Curran. "And I have to get used to the heat. It's pretty hot down here."

Curran is enjoying his new environment at the Orioles' spring training complex in Sarasota.

"The facilities and fields are amazing here," said Curran, who has been working out at first base since beginning practices and will likely play in the that position when games begin. "We practice for about

Yellow Jackets Summer Baseball Camp

SPRINGFIELD - The AIC Yellow Jackets Summer Baseball Camp will be holding their annual camp from July 6-9 for kids ages 6-7 and 8-12.

The 6-7 camp runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the 8-12 goes from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at AIC Park adjacent to Butova Gymnasium.

Camp information and registration can be found at the following address:

www.collegebaseballcamps.com/aic-baseball.

Head coach Nick Callini can be reached at 413-205-3078 or e-mail at nick.callini@aic.edu.

The Agawam pitcher went 7 1-3 innings. She allowed one run on two hits. She walked one and struck out three. Agawam played flawless defense in the game. Wheeler retired the Guardians in order in the second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh innings.

Agawam's season ends with an 18-6 record.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.

wins and has won two sectional titles with the Brownies.

In addition, Wheeler also found success as a hitter, and batted an impressive .457 with two home runs, 42 hits, 23 RBI, and 27 runs scored.

Agawam's overall offense was excellent this season. The team had a .360 batting average, scored 186 runs scored, 266 hits and 62 walks in 24 games this year. That is an average of 11 hits per game.

With just two of nine starters graduating this year and Wheeler coming back for his senior year, Agawam is sure to be a contender to defend its Western Mass. championship next season.

six hours a day."

The Gulf Coast League season began a few days ago and extends until late August. Following the end of the season, Curran will return home and continue to work out throughout the winter. He will be working toward an invite to Baltimore Orioles spring training in 2016 with a chance to be assigned to a minor league affiliate for the Orioles.

Obituaries & Church News

Congregational Church news, upcoming events

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., “a place to call home — a people to call family.” Summer worship service is on Sunday at 10 a.m. with coffee and fellowship hour following. Children’s bulletins are available.

Friday, July 3: Office closed for the holiday.

Sunday, July 5: 10 a.m., Summer Family Communion Sunday and coffee hour.

Sunday, July 12: 10 a.m., Summer worship service and coffee hour.

Wednesday, July 15: 7 p.m., Deacons meeting.

Saturday, July 18: 7:30 a.m., Men’s Ministry meeting at Bobbie J’z in Agawam.

Sunday, July 19: 10 a.m., Summer worship service and coffee hour; noon to 4 p.m., Church family picnic at Perry Lane Park.

Monday, July 20: 4 p.m., Loaves & Fishes.

Sunday, July 26: 10 a.m., Summer worship service and coffee hour.

Save the date: Vacation Bible School is coming Aug. 3 through Aug.

7, 6 to 8 p.m. Visit the website for more information or call the church office

Pastor Greg E. Dawson is available for prayer after the service. The church offers many programs, special family activities, trips, picnics and more. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

Patriotic Rosary is Wednesday

The Spiritual Life Committee of Sacred Heart Church and the Agawam Knights of Columbus are hosting a Patriotic Rosary to be prayed at the Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. The event will take place Wednesday, July 1, at 7 p.m. in preparation for the nation’s birthday on the Fourth of July. A reception will follow in the parish center.

A Patriotic Rosary is a rosary that is prayed specifically for the nation’s capital, the president, Congress, and

all the leaders of the United States, as well as each of the 50 Hail Marys prayed for each state by name.

Vin Govoni will lead participants in singing the patriotic songs, which will be sung after each decade. Praying the Patriotic Rosary invokes God’s grace, protection, and blessings upon each state and all the people that dwell within it. The public is invited.

For more information, call Jean Raczkowski at 413-786-8200, ext 3.

Hope Church hosts free kids camp

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a free kids camp Monday through Friday, July 20-24, from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp will include Bible stories, activities, games, crafts and snacks.

The camp, “Gospel Light’s Son-Spark Labs,” will focus on “Discovering God’s Plan 4U = Jesus!”

For more information, call 413-786-2445 or visit hopecommunity-churchagawam.org.

Legals

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Agawam City Council Administrative Subcommittee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, **July 13, 2015, at 6:30pm.**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the petition of Eversource for permission to install new 40 foot Class 2 Pole & Anchor (pre-marked) across from Pole #105/25 to be labeled 105/255, at 257 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, MA., as well as permission to relocate a line of poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the area on Cooper Street, Agawam.

Robert E. Rossi, Chairman
Administrative Subcommittee
6/18,6/25/15

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Michael and Andrea Fusick, who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 which would allow for the construction of an addition to a residential structure with less than the required front setback and side yard at the premises identified as 107 Fairview Street.

Doreen Prouty
Chairperson
Agawam Board of Appeals
6/25,7/2/15

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD15P1067EA
Estate of: James McLeavy
Date of Death: 01/05/2015
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **John P Moylan** of West Yarmouth MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **James F Gregory** of Chicopee MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/13/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 15, 2015

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
6/25/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600**

**Docket No. HD13P0585EA
Estate of:
John J. McCarthy
Also Known As:
John McCarthy
Date of Death:
January 28, 2013
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jane M. McCarthy** of Agawam MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Jane M. McCarthy of Agawam MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

6/25/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD15P1084PM**

**In the matter of:
Obafemi Morakinyo
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & 5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Patrick Neagle** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Obafemi Morakinyo** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Jonathan J Davey** of Quincy, MA (or

some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 07/09/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 11, 2015

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
6/25/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD05P1955G11**

**In the interests of:
Wilhelmina Kmiec
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT**

DEATH NOTICES

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Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

Dore, Jeannette A.
Died June 17, 2015
Funeral June 23, 2015
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home
Agawam

Juzba, Michael
Died June 19, 2015
Funeral June 24, 2015
Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

Votzakis, Erin P.
Died June 18, 2015
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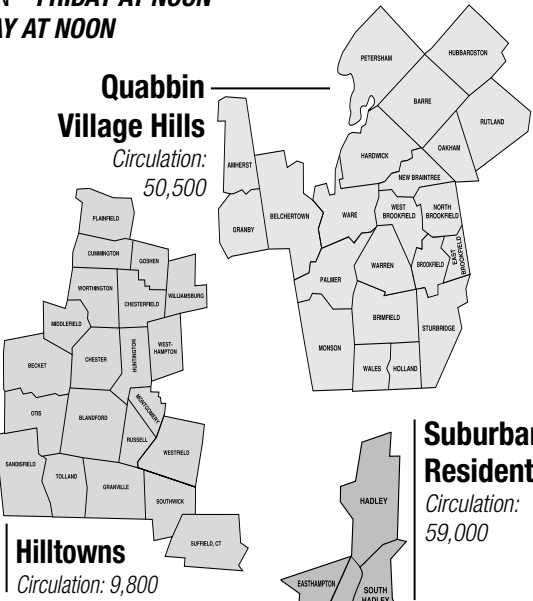
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Wednesday, July 1



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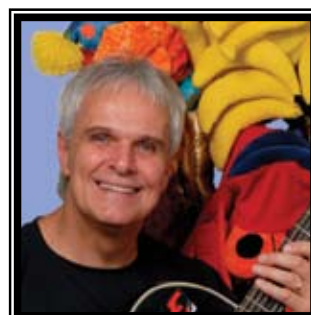


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